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- The petition filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

Director,
Patent Examining Group _____

- The amendment filed on 9/26/00 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:
 entered.
 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
 disapproved. See explanation below.
 entered in part. See explanation below.

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